

September 6, 2016

Memo to: Columbus Development Commission

From: Jackie Yeoman, Senior Planner

Copy to: Kevin Wheeler, Planning Administrator
Mark Dravillas, AICP, Assistant Administrator

Subject: Draft Northwest Plan

Please find enclosed a copy of the draft Northwest Plan. Planning staff will seek the recommendation of the Development Commission on the draft plan at its October 13th meeting. Provided the positive recommendation of the Development Commission, legislation seeking adoption of the plan will be submitted to City Council. The draft plan is also available at the project website at www.columbus.gov/planning/efrb.

The Plan update was initiated at the request of the Northwest Civic Association and the planning process began in late 2014. The draft plan has been recommended by the Far Northwest Coalition (July 27) and the Northwest Civic Association (August 3).

The plan would replace all existing city plans for the Northwest plan area, including the Northwest Plan (2007), the Sawmill Corridor Development Standards (1977), and the Bethel Road Development Standards (1980). The updated plan includes a land use plan and design guidelines for all of the Northwest planning area.

Public involvement in the planning process has been extensive and included

- Civic Working Group meetings on March 5, 2015, December 8, 2015 and May 26, 2016,
- Public meetings on May 20, 2015, January 25, 2016 and June 7, 2016,
- Nineteen (19) stakeholder interviews,
- Presentations to the Northwest Civic Association and Far Northwest Coalition,
- Twelve (12) articles describing the plan process published in *This Week* for the Northwest area, and
- Approximately 200 people participated via the public meetings and online surveys, with over 150 pieces of input received in total.

Feel free to contact me at jeyeoman@columbus.gov or 614-645-0663 with any comments or questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

